



MSFT-1166/191807.1

PATENT

41.11
Response
1-3-03
CNDH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Angus Dorbie

Confirmation No.: 8083

Serial No.: 09/247,816

Group Art Unit: 2671

Filed: February 9, 1999

Examiner: Huedung Cao

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EARLY CULLING OF OCCLUDED OBJECTS**

I, George J. Awad, Registration No. 46,528 certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

On December 20, 2002

George J. Awad Registration No. 46,528

RECEIVED

DEC 30 2002

Technology Center 2600

BOX AF
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 22231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Final Rejection Office Action dated October 21, 2002, issued in connection with the above-captioned pending patent application.